

# Keeping Our Community Safe During COVID-19

The comfort, health, and safety of our communities is always a top priority.

For the past year, we've reinforced our commitment to wellness as we take every measure to protect our residents and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic while preserving quality of life.

There's a lot to be positive about in our nation's journey to stopping COVID-19 and saving lives. Already, [70% of American seniors have received a vaccine](#)—the best way to end this health threat. And, [by the end of May](#), the country will have enough vaccines for all adults.

Of course, we still need to be vigilant to protect our communities, including the most vulnerable members. We've collected the following information to help put your mind at ease about pandemic health and safety.

Should you have any questions that aren't addressed here, please phone us at 732-863-2184 for the most up-to-date information, or [use our contact form](#).

## Can I Visit my Loved One?

We know our residents and their families are eager to see each other and we're delighted that [state regulations](#) currently allow for visiting as long as the resident and their visitor are not COVID-19 positive and not under quarantine.

All of our residents, regardless of whether they are fully vaccinated, are permitted to visit indoors or out provided both individuals are wearing a well-fitting face mask. We continue to encourage six feet between residents and their visitors in an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The state's guidance advises that both residents and visitors should continue to wear masks, especially while indoors, regardless of whether they are vaccinated.

[Please reach out](#) ahead of your visit to ask any questions you may have about our visiting guidelines.

## Is my Loved One Safe in Assisted Living?

Just as we did before the pandemic, we continue to adhere to all [state workplace safety standards](#).

During the pandemic, this includes the following enhanced health and safety measures:

- Masking and social distancing are in effect to the maximum extent possible
- Face masks and sanitization materials are available to staff and visitors
- We routinely clean and disinfect all high-touch areas
- Weekly health checks are performed for staff, such as temperature screening and completing a self-assessment checklist
- COVID-positive employees are not permitted to work until symptoms have disappeared and a negative COVID test has been provided

## Can my Loved One to Move into Assisted Living During the Pandemic?

We know that sharing meals is an important part of anyone's day. We've ensured a safe, socially engaging dining experience by arranging meals so residents can eat with a peer while maintaining safe physical distancing.

We distribute single-use condiments to eliminate shared touchpoints and our dining room is thoroughly cleaned following each meal.

Our scheduled activities continue throughout the day and evening. Residents can choose from a variety of offerings with safe physical distancing in effect at all times. For activities where supplies are required, these items aren't shared, and we thoroughly clean them after each program.

For transportation, our residents are distanced when on our coach and our team ensures individuals aren't brought to high-exposure areas.

## Who Can be Vaccinated in New Jersey?

Adults over 65 and staff in long-term care centers are eligible for vaccination, and many have already been vaccinated thanks to priority vaccination that began in December 2020.

As of April 5, adults 55 and older in New Jersey are [eligible to receive a vaccine](#). You may also qualify if you're younger than 55, but meet other criteria. Check [the state's eligibility criteria](#) for the latest information.

If you would like to receive a notification when you become eligible for the vaccine, [sign up here](#).

## **There's Plenty to be Hopeful about at Our Communities**

We're so excited to see a light at the end of the tunnel as we approach the likely end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please don't hesitate to [reach out](#) if there are any other questions we can answer about our pandemic response and the comfort and health of our residents during this time.